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Mr. SPEAKER :—" As soon as I call out the number of the question and the name of the hon. Member, who has given notice of the question, the hon. Member who wants to put the question on behalf of that hon. Member should stand up."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, we were both authorized to put the question on behalf of Sri Krishna Ayyar. I thought Sri Gopalan would put the question."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Now under the new rules, authorisation is not necessary. If you simply stand up and put the question, that is enough."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government run any destitute home in or near the Madras City;

(b) if so, what was the average strength there for the year 1931; and

(c) how many, if any, doctors and nurses were working there in that year?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes. The Government are running a Care Camp and a Care Home for beggars at Melapakkam near Madras City, under the Madras City Police Act.

" (b) & (c) The question does not arise as the Care Camp and Care Home were started on 1st March 1944."

Assistant Engineers in the Highways Department.

* 1292 *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Ratnam is not in his place. The answer will be printed in the proceedings."

(Sri S. Daivasigamoney stood up in his seat to put the question.)

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Again the same difficulty, as soon as I call out the question and the name of the questioner, somebody must rise up and say that he is putting the question. Otherwise, there is no point if some one stands up after I have said that the answer would be printed in the proceedings."

Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how many were promoted as Assistant Engineers in the last three months in the Highways Department and how many among them belong to the Scheduled Castes?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Twenty-three Junior Engineers and Supervisors were appointed temporarily as Assistant Engineers in the Highways Department during the months of October to December 1954 and nine of them belonged to the Scheduled Castes."

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SRI A. AIYANAR :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும்போது ஹரிஜன வகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் ஒருவரும் நியமிக்கப்படவில்லை என்று சொன்னார். என்ன காரணத்தினால் நியமிக்கப்படவில்லை என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :— " அந்த வகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் அங்கு இல்லை."

Grievances of Village Officers, Malabar.

* 1293 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state— 8–50 p.m.

(*a*) with reference to the answer given to question No. 159 on 15th March 1954 whether any enquiry has been made to ascertain whether the Government have received any representation from Malabar District Village Officers' Association; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No such memorandum was presented to the former Chief Minister when he toured in Malabar during November 1953."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" The answer of the Hon. Minister is quite strange. A memorandum had been submitted to the former Chief Minister and a copy of the same was also sent to all the M.L.As. So, I am surprised at the answer of the Hon. Minister."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" On a previous occasion when the same question came up before the House, the Hon. Minister stated that no such memorandum was presented to the former Chief Minister. At that time an hon. Member of this House, Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar gave to the Hon. Minister a copy of the same memorandum the original of which was submitted to the former Chief Minister when he was in Malabar and the Hon. Minister was pleased to say then that he would look into the matter. May I know whether the Hon. Minister at least remembers this? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir. I have already answered this question. There is no special charm about the particular printed copy that was given. I shall look into the matter, Sir."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Now, the village officers are not included in the category of Non-Gazetted Officers. So, they are almost in a ' Thrisangu Swarga '. Will the Government raise them to the level of the Non-Gazetted Officers? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."